

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULE TO THE STATE BOARD OF
REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
CHAPTER 220-2, RULE 220-2-.08 EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION. AMENDED.
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the State Board of Registration for Foresters, (hereinafter "Board") proposes to amend a rule for the State Board of Registration of Foresters, Rule 220-2-.8 Examination for Registration. Amended, (hereinafter "proposed new rule").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed new rule and a synopsis of the proposed new rule, is being distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed new rule, and a synopsis of the proposed new rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board's web page at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/foresters. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board's office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on August 12, 2009 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed new rule. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before August 5, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, State Board of Registration for Foresters, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-314-5805.

The proposed new rule will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:50 a.m. on November 18, 2009, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the State Board of Registration for Foresters has the authority to amend this rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, 12-6-51, 43-1-7, and 43-1-25.

At its meeting on May 13, 2009, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this new rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, 12-6-51, 43-1-7, and 43-1-25.

Also, at its meeting on May 13, 2009 the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, 12-6-51, 43-1-7, and 43-1-25 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact

every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of forestry.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 14th day of May, 2009.

Randall D. Vaughn
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: May 14, 2009

**SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS OF THE
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
CHAPTER 220-2, RULE 220-2-.08 EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION. AMENDED.**

Purpose: The Board proposes to amend paragraph (2) of this rule to conform to new procedures used for processing mail at the Board's office.

Main Features: Eliminates the postmark requirement due to processing changes in the handling of mail by the Board office.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS BOARD RULE 220-2-.08 EXAMINATION
FOR REGISTRATION. AMENDED.**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

220-2-.08 Examination for Registration. Amended.

- (1) The passing level on the examination for registration as a forester shall be established by the Board.
- (2) Applications for the examination must be received in the Board office ~~or bear a United States Postal Service postmark date of~~ at least 40 days prior to the date of the examination.
- (3) The Board will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be made in writing and received in the Board office by the application deadline along with the appropriate documentation, as indicated in the Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, 12-6-51, 43-1-7, and 43-1-25